

6A Are you a pessimist?

1 VOCABULARY opposite verbs

- a With a partner, write the opposites of these verbs.

win _____ buy _____ remember _____
turn on _____ start _____ / _____

- b ➤ p.157 Vocabulary Bank Opposite verbs.

2 GRAMMAR will / won't (predictions)

- a Look at the cartoon.
Which fish is an
optimist? Why?
Are you an optimist
or a pessimist?



- b Look at the phrase book app. Read the **You Say** phrases. Then write the **A Pessimist Says** responses.

He won't pay you back. They'll be late. You won't pass.
It'll rain. They'll lose. You won't understand a word.
You won't find a parking space. You'll break your leg.

- c 33 Listen and check. Repeat the responses.
d Practice in pairs. **A** (book open) read the **You Say** phrases. **B** (book closed) say the **A Pessimist Says** responses. Then change roles.
e Look at the **A Pessimist Says** phrases again. Do they refer to the present or the future?
f ➤ p.136 Grammar Bank 6A. Learn more about will / won't and practice them.
g Imagine now that you are an optimist. With a partner make affirmative predictions to respond to the **You Say** sentences in the phrase book.

1 It'll be a great evening.

3 PRONUNCIATION 'll, won't

- a 35 Listen and repeat the contractions. Copy the rhythm.

I'll	I'll be late	I'll be late for work.
You'll	You'll break	You'll break your leg.
She'll	She'll miss	She'll miss the train.
It'll	It'll rain	It'll rain tomorrow.
They'll	They'll fail	They'll fail the exam.

- b 36 Listen. Can you hear the difference?

 clock	want	I want to pass.
 phone	won't	I won't pass.

- c 37 Listen and write six sentences.



4 READING

- a Read an article about the actor Hugh Laurie.
What two things do Hugh Laurie and Dr. House have in common?



DR. GREGORY HOUSE, the main character in the hit TV series *House, M.D.*, is famous for being a pessimist. But it is not only Dr. House who is a pessimist. Hugh Laurie, the actor who plays him, is a pessimist, too.

Laurie never thought that *House, M.D.* was going to be a success. Even after seven seasons, he still feels pessimistic about it. He said in a recent interview, "If we do a bad show next week, they'll say, 'That's it. No more.' It'll just stop. I am, of course, someone who is constantly expecting a plane to drop on my head, if not today then tomorrow."

Like Dr. House, Laurie is also a talented musician and is passionate about the blues. He recently went to New Orleans to record an album in which he plays 15 of his favorite songs. But of course, he doesn't think that people will like it.

When he was asked on a TV show why he was so pessimistic about life, Laurie said it was because he is Scottish. "I definitely think that's where it comes from."

Because of his reputation as a pessimist, people always talk to him about positive thinking. He says that complete strangers come up to him on the street and say, "Cheer up, it'll never happen!"

- b Read the article again. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Say why.
- 1 Hugh Laurie always thinks the worst will happen.
 - 2 He thinks they will make many more seasons of *House, M.D.*
 - 3 He doesn't think his album will be successful.
 - 4 He thinks that Scottish people are optimistic.
 - 5 People often try to make him feel happier.
- c Have you seen any episodes of *House, M.D.*? Do you like...?
- a the character b the actor

5 LISTENING & SPEAKING

- a (38) Listen to the introduction to a radio program. Why is positive thinking good for you?
- b Try to guess the missing words in these callers' tips.
- Caller 1** Live in the _____, not in the _____.
- Caller 2** Think _____ thoughts, not negative ones.
- Caller 3** Don't spend a lot of time reading the _____ or watching the _____ on TV.
- Caller 4** Every week make a list of all the _____ that happened to you.
- Caller 5** Try to use _____ when you speak to other people.
- c (39) Listen and check.
- d Listen again. Write down any extra information you hear. Which tips do you think are useful? Do you have any tips of your own?
- e Ask and answer with a partner. Use a phrase from the box and say why. Which of you is more optimistic?

ARE YOU A POSITIVE THINKER?

Do you think...

- + you'll have a nice weekend?
- + you'll pass your next English exam?
- + you'll get a good (or better) job in the future?
- + you'll get an interesting email or message from someone tonight?
- + you'll meet some new friends on your next vacation?
- + you'll live to be 100?
- + you'll get to the end of this book?



Responding to predictions

I hope so. / I hope not.
I think so. / I don't think so.
I doubt it.
Maybe. / Perhaps.
Probably (not).
Definitely (not).

Do you think you'll have a nice weekend?

I hope so. I think the weather will be good and...